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The Honorable Wayne D. Brazil
United States Magistrate Judge
Northern District of California
1301 Clay Street, Chambers 310C
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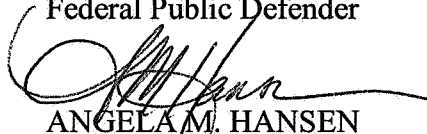
**Re: United States v. Victor Romero-Abrajan,
Case No. CR 07-00707-DLJ**

Dear Judge Brazil:

Earlier today Judge Jensen granted Mr. Romero's request for the appointment of new counsel. Judge Jensen set a status date for June 6, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. In the meantime, Judge Jensen requested that the parties place this matter on the Court's calendar for identification of new counsel. I spoke with Assistant United States Attorney Daniel Kaleba and both parties are requesting that this matter be calendered on May 29, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. for appointment of new counsel. Mr. Romero will need a Spanish interpreter. Mr. Ruben Deang in my office will arrange to have panel counsel available at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

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